

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacob Mercurief at 9:02 AM. Councilmembers present were Naomi Edenshaw, Raymond Melovidov and Joseph Kozloff. Clmbr Jason Bourdukofsky had to work. Clmbr Daniel Porath is out for medical. A quorum was established. Clmbr Victor Clarey arrived at the meeting at 10:40 AM.

CALL TO  
ORDER

Clmbr Edenshaw moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Clmbr Melovidov. There was one change to the agenda: to remove Resolution 22-13, A Resolution of Condition Support for Advancing the PRIME Initiative Through NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program until the next meeting, motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA  
APPROVED

Clmbr Melovidov moved to approve the meeting minutes from July 14, 2022, seconded by Clmbr Edenshaw. There were not corrections or additions. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

There were no persons to address the council.

PERSONS TO  
AND ADDRESS  
THE COUNCIL

Mgr Zavadil gave his report: On July 25, 2022 Mgr Zavadil, Mayor Mercurief, Clerk Baker, Finance Director Stephanie Mandregan, Public Works Director David Joyner and Chief Castro met with Agnew Beck to discuss revisions to the Saint Paul Island Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The Tribal Government has funds to update this plan. The last time this was updated was in 2017, it is due for renewal. There has been a lot of changes since then. There will be upcoming meetings with the various entities and some community meetings as well. A few things the City will be focused on will be the Harbor, Utilities, Internet. On July 28, 2022 Mayor Mercurief, Mgr Zavadil and Clerk Baker met with Noah Oppenheim to review the PRIME Initiative. There were some changes that the City wasn't made aware of, that was the purpose of the resolution today but due to the other circumstances the team was not available to attend the meeting, The goal of the meeting was to work on communication and keep everyone up to date on any changes. Yesterday the United States Coast Guard Commandant and Admiral Moore of Alaska came to Saint Paul Island to look at the POSS camp bay for the helicopter storage. There was a lease in place, but it was terminated due to the building roof leaking water when it rained. The Coast Guard has a lot of specifics when it comes to having any sort of lease in place. The building has to be secure, dry, heated etc. The purpose was to look at the building to see what can be done to fix it up to have the lease back in place to store the helicopter to have the Coast Guard stationed back in Saint Paul. Mgr Zavadil and David Joyner have been meeting with EPC weekly to discuss the Power Plant project and to keep things on track.

CITY MANAGER  
REPORT

Project/Grant Specialist Lynn Sterbenz gave her report: The Small Boat Harbor Utility Expansion Project Grant through the US Economic Development Administration was tentatively awarded on August 2, 2022. The amount awarded is \$2,270,400.00 with a 20% match. The Coast Guard Caretaker contract was

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awarded on August 2, 2022 in the amount of \$66, 371.00. The park lighting that was received should be here on the next barge. Lynn has been working on updating the website. She would like to get an updated Council member picture; we will have this scheduled for the next meeting.

A break was held between 10:17 and 10:26

Clerk Baker gave her report: Labor Day is approaching quickly, and everything needs to be ordered still. Looking for information on independent expeditors or anyone you can recommend to shop. The Primary elections will be held on August 16<sup>th</sup> from 7am-8pm in the Rec Hall. City Council elections will be held on October 4, 2022. Candidacy forms will be available in the City Clerks office starting on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

CITY CLERK  
REPORT

Finance Director Stephanie Mandregan gave her report: Stephanie provided the City Council monthly finance reports for all City funds including the Water and Wastewater utilities. The finance department is still advertising for an Accounting Clerk Supervisor.

FINANCE  
DIRECTOR  
REPORT

Chief Castro gave his report: The department is working on all the EForce RMS training so that we can get it implemented. They are hoping to finish all the training by September. Officer McMicken will be traveling to California to attend Instructor Certification training for ATV safety. The new siren is in place and fully operational. They have run tests a few times and the sirens have been heard out past Telegraph Hill, however the messages are unintelligible. The department created poker chips for trading and collecting, they are available for sale for \$3.00. They would like to make them available at the store and the airport gift shop in the near future. They are working on putting together an informational handout for the community providing information and guidance on what actions to take place in case of an emergency.

PUBLIC SAFETY  
REPORT

Public Works Director David Joyner gave his report: Public Works administration is going through reorganization and upgrades to the processes and procedures. David Joyner has been researching information for a future GIS project. This would establish the existing underground utility lines in service and show the older lines that are no longer in service. The prints that are used now are no longer current and there are often times that lines are not in place. David has also been looking into an Ocean Wave Power Generation Project for the future. This would be utilizing the ocean in a environmentally responsible way to generate power for the island. The Maintenance Department has been busy keeping up with all the projects and things that come up daily. A sink hole formed by house 23. The operators filled in the hole and completed an inspection to ensure the safety usage of the road and around the area. Motor Pool has been continuing repairs on City vehicles and equipment. There was a large puncture to one of the tires on the Grader that happened on Side Town Road. The Public Works Department asks all community members to report any objects they may see in the road to Public Works so it can be removed. The pump that was received for the garbage truck was the wrong one and had to be send back. The Bulk Fuel Utility has adjusted well to the increase in business while providing services to all the TDX customers as well. The fuel barge arrived this month, the City received 75,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline and 183,000 gallons of diesel fuel. There were several electrical repairs this month. The power failure was due

PUBLIC WORKS  
DIRECTOR  
REPORT

to a primary feeder created an arc and tripped the breaker on the generator at the Power Plant. The high voltage lineman was here working on the jumpers for the electrical system at the power plant. They also reenergized the switch cabinet at the Power plant. EPS is has moving towards the completion of the building renovation design. The sewer system back up at the teacher housing was flushed out to remove blockage. Afterwards, we ran a camera through the main lines to get an idea of what may be the root cause of the blockage; and found that part of the line is crushed in about 50%. This project will be planned for a later date and a permanent fix will be performed.

Cmbr Kozloff moved to approve Emergency Ordinance 22-98, An Emergency Ordinance of the City of Saint Paul Regarding Protective Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Throughout Saint Paul Island, seconded by Cmbr Edenshaw. The COVID-19 survey went out and it was split between keeping quarantine and stopping it. Most people wanted to keep testing in place. A majority of people were still concerned enough to keep social distancing and wearing masks. State numbers and hospitalizations are down recently. There was nothing really definitive in the results that can show which way to go. School is starting and we have to think about what impact that will have on the students. Mgr Zavadil does have an Emergency Ordinance with safety measures removed for the council the review to see what that would look like.

EMERGENCY  
ORDINANCE 22-  
98, AN  
EMERGENCY  
ORDINANCE TO  
PREVENT THE  
SPREAD OF  
COVID-19  
THROUGHOUT  
SAINT PAUL  
ISLAND

Cmbr Clarey commented that this virus is not going away and there is no point in living in fear and having this ordinance controlling the people of Saint Paul. He believes that the community is at the point where it is okay to just let the ordinance go. It's safe, people have had a chance to get vaccinated. Saint Paul is the only community in the entire world to do this still. He suggests the City can publish an article with what is known and what can be done to protect yourself and let the people decide what they want to do.

Cmbr Melovidov commented that survey results make it difficult. The younger kids were able to receive their first dose this month. They are eligible to receive their second dose next month. The ordinance should be extended another 30 days to give everyone, including those children, a chance to be vaccinated before all the safety measures are lifted.

Mayor Mercurief commented that with the amount of people vaccinated and people who have had it thus far he suggests no quarantine but keep the pre and post travel testing in place. If someone were to have symptoms, they should get tested.

Looking at EO 22-99 the CWPP would be removed, quarantine would be removed. Testing would be done 24 hours prior to travel and at 24 hours after arrival

Cmbr Clarey made a motion to amend and adopt Emergency Ordinance 22-99, seconded by Mayor Mercurief.

A roll call vote was held on the amendment:

Ayes- Clarey, Mercurief

No- Kozloff, Edenshaw, Melovidov

Motion failed.

A roll call vote was held on the main motion:  
Ayes- Edenshaw, Kozloff, Melovidov, Mercurief  
No- Clarey  
Motion carried.

Lunch break was held between: 12:03 and 1:06

Clmbr Kozloff moved to approve Resolution 22-12, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Saint Paul to Apply for USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant, seconded by Clmbr Edenshaw. This would help develop an action plan in collaboration with Tribal Government of Saint Paul and Saint George. There is a 20% match for this grant. This would further reduce MVA, this would help improve blind corners, identify problem areas.

RESOLUTION  
22-12, SAFE  
STREETS AND  
ROADS GRANT

A roll call vote was held:  
Ayes- Melovidov, Kozloff, Edenshaw, Mercurief  
No-  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mercurief made a motion to table this agenda item until the next meeting, seconded by Clmbr Kozloff. Clmbrs feel that this is the second time this is being tabled and feel that the policy is fine the way it stands and no changes are needed at this time. There is no point in tabling it. A voice vote was held, motion fails. This will not be tabled and has been discussed.

CITY  
PERONNEL  
POLICY 10.34,  
EMPLOYEE  
VACCINATION  
POLICY

The regular next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2022 at 9 am.

NEXT MEETING

Clmbr Melovidov moved to adjourn, seconded by Clmbr Edenshaw. Motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

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Monique Baker, City Clerk

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Date